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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Masanori MINAMIO, et al. : Customer No.20277
Serial No.: 10/689,642 : Confirmation No.: 4046
Filed: October 22, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 2815
For: LEADFRAME, PLASTIC-ENCAPSULATED SEMICONDUCTOR : Examiner: JASMINE J.B. CLARK
DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 25, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

- Group I - Claims 1-17, drawn to a leadframe; and
- Group II - Claims 18-23, drawn to a method for manufacturing a device.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I - claims 1-17 for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 18-23, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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